

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 4-5 have been canceled. Claims 1-3 remain pending.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 were provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting. Because the rejection is provisional, applicant has not submitted a terminal disclaimer herewith.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as anticipated by Li (U.S. Patent No. 5,339,950). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claim 1, as amended, recites an exchangeable cover “to slide into an attaching position where the exchangeable cover is detachably attached to either the lid or the case body.” Claim 1 also recites “a dent provided adjacent to the engagement member for permitting the exchangeable cover to detach from the lid or the case body.” Li does not disclose an exchangeable cover permitted to slide into an attaching position where the exchangeable cover is detachably attached to either the lid or the case body, nor a dent provided adjacent to the engagement member for permitting the exchangeable cover detachable from the lid or the case body.

Instead, Li discloses a top cover board 2 with a first extension board 3 and a second extension board 4 that slide one within another in longitudinal slide ways, until movement is stopped by stop springs. To the contrary, applicant’s exchangeable cover 107 is, first, brought from above the lid 106 so that the convex portion 120 of the exchangeable cover 107 can be inserted into the dent 121, and then slidably fit in a direction substantially parallel to a top surface of either the lid 106 or the case body. This configuration of claim 1 is not disclosed in the invention of Li and therefore prima facie anticipation has not been established and the rejection must be withdrawn.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Li in view of Connolly (U.S. Patent No. 4,946,057). Connolly does not cure the above deficiencies of Li and therefore

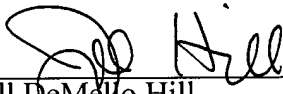
prima facie obviousness has not been established. The rejection under section 103(a) must additionally be withdrawn.

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